

It is respectfully requested that the subject application be amended as follows so as to place the same in condition for allowance, or at least in better form for Appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-17 so as to read as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) An image processing device which comprises image data input means for inputting image data, image data storage means for storing input image data received from said image data input means, image data confirmation means for confirming characteristics of each input image data, management table means for managing the characteristics of each input image data confirmed by said image data confirmation means as management information of said each input image data with reference to the corresponding each input image data stored in said image data storage means, and image processing means for performing image processing with respect to said each input image data,

wherein:

said management table means manages input request information indicative of a request for transmitting each processed input image data from said image processing means, and input completion information indicative of the completion of an input of said each input image data responsive to said request in connection with the corresponding each input image data stored in said image data storage means.

3. (Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 2,
wherein said management table means further includes a mode management section for managing a processing mode set by said mode setting means as management information of each input image data with respect to the corresponding each input image data stored in said data storage means.

4. (Twice Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 3, wherein said image processing means further includes an image processing management section for performing image processing with respect to said each input image data based on said management information managed by said management table means.

6. (Twice Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 4, further comprising image output means for outputting said each input image data processed by said image processing means,

wherein said management table means further includes a management output section for outputting each processed input image data from said image output means according to the management information.

7. (Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 6,
wherein said management table means produces at least one table
selected from the group consisting of:
an image input table for managing information relating to each input
image data and processing conditions for each input image data;
an image process table for managing the contents of the image
processing to be performed with respect to each input image data and information
relating to each input image data that has undergone image processing; and
an image output table for managing information relating to the output of
each input image data that has undergone image processing.

8. (Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 7,
wherein said image input table includes at least one item of information
selected from the group consisting of:
document ID information indicating an identification number for
identifying each page associated with each input image data;
document side information indicating whether each input image data
represents image data from a front side or a back side of a document;
document size information indicating a size of each input image data;
scaling factor information indicating a scaling factor when each input
image data is scaled up or down;
read image number information indicating how many image data are
inputted through said image data input means to form the image data contained on
one page;
input request information indicating whether a request for transmitting
each input image data has been given to said information processing means; and
input completion information indicating whether each input image data
is completely inputted through said image data input means.

9. (Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 7,
wherein said image process table includes at least one item of
information selected from the group consisting of:
image ID information indicating an identification number for identifying
each page containing each input image data;
process information indicating the contents of processing to be
performed to each input image data contained on each page;
process ID information indicating a location in a second image data
storage means where processed data of each input image data is stored; and
process completion information indicating whether the image processing
with respect to each input image data is completed.

10. (Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 7,
wherein said image output table includes at least one item of information
selected from the group consisting of:
output image ID information indicating an identification number for
identifying each page containing each processed input image data;
sheet side information indicating whether each input image data is to be
recorded on a front side or a back side of a sheet;
print size information indicating the size of a sheet on which each input
image data is to be recorded;
print number information indicating a number of each input image data
to be outputted;
output request information indicating whether each processed input
image data is requested by said image output means;
output completion information indicating whether each processed input
image data has been outputted as instructed;

memory release information indicating whether clearance of each processed input image data from said second image data storage means is permitted; and

output ID information indicating a location in said second image data storage where a final version of each processed input image data to be outputted is stored.

11. (Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 1,
wherein each input image data is image data of a document suitable for reading; and
said image data input means is document image reading means for reading a document image.

12. (Amended) The image processing means as set forth in claim 1,
wherein each input image data is image data for use in a computer, and
said image data input means is interface means for receiving data from a computer.

13. (Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 1,
wherein each input image data is image data for use in a facsimile machine, and
said image data input means is facsimile interface means for receiving data from a facsimile machine.

14. (Twice Amended) An image processing device, comprising:
first image data storage means for storing each image data to be inputted;
image processing means for carrying out image processing with respect to each inputted image data;
second image data storage means for storing each processed input image data obtained by performing image processing with respect to said each input image data by said image processing means; and
management table means for managing input request information indicative of a request for transmitting each processed input image data from said image processing means, and input completion information indicative of the completion of an input of said each input image data in connection with the corresponding each input image data stored in said first image data storage means, and for managing processing completion information indicative of the completion of image processing with respect to said each input image data by said image processing means in connection with the corresponding each processed input image data stored in said second image data storage means.

15. (Twice Amended) The image processing device as set forth in Claim 14, comprising:

image output means for outputting each processed input image data from said second image data storing means,

wherein said management table means further manages output request information indicative of a request for outputting the each processed input image data from said image output means, and output completion information indicative of the completion of an output of each processed input image data in connection with the corresponding each processed input image data stored in said second image data storage means.

16. (Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising second image data storing means for storing each input image data processed by said image processing means,

wherein said management table means further includes a post image processing data management section for managing each processed input image data stored in said second image data storage means in connection with the corresponding management information.

17. (Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

second image data storage means for storing each processed input image data processed by said image processing means; and

image output means for outputting each processed input image data from the second image data storage means,

wherein:

said management table means manages the output request information indicative of a request for outputting each processed input image data from the image output means, and output completion information indicative of the completion of an output of each processed input image data in connection with the corresponding each processed input image data stored in said second image data storing means.